

In re Application of:  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 6-14 without prejudice.

Please replace claims 15 and 18 with the following rewritten claims.

15. (Once Amended) An isolated polypeptide having mitogenic activity and consisting essentially of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ ID NO:4;
- (b) residue 75 through 172 of SEQ ID NO:4; and
- (c) residue 4 through 172 of SEQ ID NO:4.

18. (Once Amended) A method of producing a polypeptide, the method comprising:

- (a) culturing the host cell of claim 17 under conditions suitable for formation of the polypeptide; and
- (b) recovering the polypeptide.